HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.SESHASAYANA REDDY

Writ Petition No.18344 of 2004

Dated: 23rd September, 2005

Between:

Savaram Nageswara Rao S/o.Suryanarayana, Retd. Employee,

R/o.Chintal, Hyderabad-854.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Joint Collector-cum-Settlement Officer,

District Collector's Office, Krishna District,

Machilipatnam

.....RESPONDENT

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ORDER:

This writ petition has been filed by Savaram Nageswara Rao assailing the inaction of the Joint Collector-cum-Settlement Officer, Krishna District, Machilipatnam, in conducting enquiries in Rc.SR.11(a)8/97(F6)/Settles under Section 11(a) of the Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Area) Estate (Abolition and conversion into Ryotwari) Act, 1948 (for short, 'the Act').

2. The petitioner claims that he is one of the ryots in possession of ryoti land and therefore, he is entitled for ryotwari patta under the provisions of the Act. His

grievance is that the competent authority having issued notice to him in the year 2002 is not proceeding with the enquiry, and thus, invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and seeks direction to the respondent.

3. Heard learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Land Acquisition appearing for the respondent.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that some other ryots have filed writ petitions earlier and sought direction to the respondent to complete the enquiry. He refers the orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.18093 of 1999 and W.A. No.1237 of 1987 and batch.

5. It appears the respondent issued notice to the petitioner on 27.04.2002 directing him to attend the enquiry. The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondent having issued the notice of enquiry is not proceeding with the enquiry.

6. In that view of the matter, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondent to conduct enquiry in pursuance of the notice dated 27.04.2002 issued to the petitioner and pass appropriate orders within six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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B.SESHASAYANA REDDY, J.

Dated: 23rd September, 2005.

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